In the specification:

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 3 as follows:

--In another aspect of the invention a method for developing an executable batch program through model instantiation is provided comprising steps of (a) providing an executable model abstraction including batch program, batch function, context class, data provider, and operation objects; (b) ~~imputing~~ inputting data into the model abstraction, the input data defining a user instance class of batch program; (c) instantiating the model abstraction; (d) generating code within the model abstraction, the code defining user instances of batch functions including operations and execution orders; and (e) executing the generated code to generate the user instance batch program.--